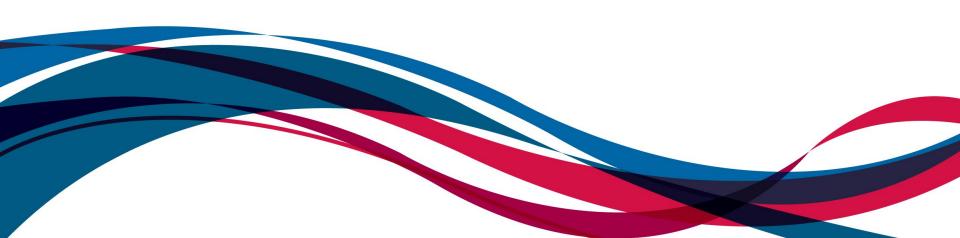


Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) IRIS 101

Date: August 05, 2025





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12:00-1:30 EDT

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3 Minutes
2 Minutes
1 Minute

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The PowerPoint will be posted to www.irs.gov/IRIS after the meeting.

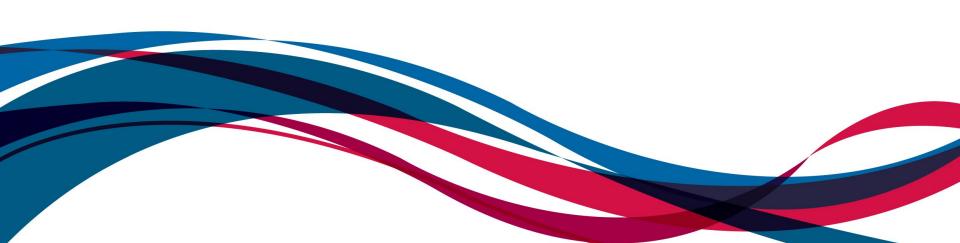


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- Taxpayer Portal
- > A2A
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IRIS Overview





IRIS Intake

- ➤ The Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) allows taxpayers to file information returns either through the Taxpayer Portal or the Application-to-Application submission methods. Taxpayers that submit smaller volumes can manually enter the data or upload data to the Taxpayer Portal. Taxpayers that submit large volumes of information returns should use the Application-to-Application method.
- Application to Application (A2A)
 - Allows for bulk filing of Information Returns
 - > Submit transmissions directly from their application to the IRIS application
 - > XML Format
- Taxpayer Portal / User Interface (UI)
 - ➤ Allows small volume filers to file Information Returns directly to the IRS without the need for software
 - > Manually enter data into the platform via user interface screens
 - Simple Form Upload
 - ➤ Issuers or transmitters can upload data files to the platform to pre-populate the user interface screens using Comma-separated Values (CSV) file

If you have 10 or more information returns, you must file them electronically.

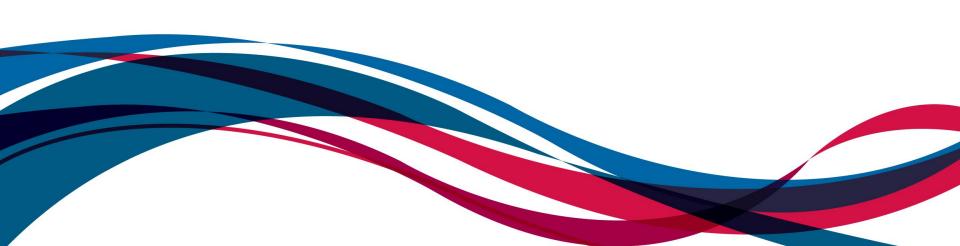


FIRE Retirement

- ➤ Tax Year 2026/Filing Season 2027 is the targeted date for the retirement of the Filing Information Returns Electronic (FIRE) system.
- ➤ A QuickAlert messages was published on July 2, 2025, announcing the targeted date for FIRE retirement.
- FIRE will not be available for submissions in Filing Season 2027. The Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) will be the only intake system for information returns currently received through FIRE.
- We encourage you to complete your IRIS TCC application and begin transitioning to IRIS to ensure you are ready for 2027 filing season.
- Stay tuned for QuickAlerts, IRIS Working Group meetings and additional material for further guidance.



Getting Started





How to Get Started

EIN

- You will need an Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Apply for EIN: <u>Apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) Online | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov)</u>

Register

- Each user must create an account or sign-in using their existing credentials to validate their identities
- Visit How to register for IRS online self-help tools | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov)

TCC

- Apply for an IRIS Transmitter Control Code (TCC)
- Visit IRIS Application for TCC | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov)

Sign in

- Once TCC is assigned you can sign in to IRIS
- Visit E-file Information Returns with IRIS | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov)



EIN

The Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for filers of information returns, including sole proprietors and nominees/middlemen, is the Employer Identification Number (EIN).

An EIN is a federal tax ID number for businesses, tax-exempt organizations and other entities, similar to an SSN for an individual.

All information return filers must have an EIN.



Do I need a new EIN?

About the EIN Assistant

For help or additional information on any topic, click the underlined key words, or view Help Topics on the right side of the screen. Make sure that pop-ups are allowed from this site.

- You must complete this application in one session, as you will **not** be able to save and return at a later time.
- · For security purposes, your session will expire after 15 minutes of inactivity, and you will need to start over.
- You will receive your EIN immediately upon verification. When will I be able to use my EIN?
- If you wish to receive your confirmation letter online, we strongly recommended that you install <u>Adobe Reader</u> before beginning the
 application if it is not already installed.

Restrictions

- Effective May 21, 2012, to ensure fair and equitable treatment for all taxpayers, the Internal Revenue Service will limit Employer Identification Number (EIN) issuance to one per responsible party per day. This limitation is applicable to all requests for EINs whether online or by phone, fax or mail. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- If a third party designee (TPD) is completing the online application on behalf of the taxpayer, the taxpayer must <u>authorize the third party</u> to apply for and receive the EIN on his or her behalf.
- . The business location must be within the United States or U.S. territories.
- Foreign filers without an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) cannot use this assistant to obtain an EIN.
- If you were incorporated outside of the United States or the U.S. territories, you cannot apply for an EIN online. Please call us at 267-941-1099 (this is not a toll free number).

Begin Application >>

If you are not comfortable sending information via the Internet, download the <u>Form SS-4</u> PDF file and the instructions for alternative ways of applying.

- Apply <u>online</u>. Get an EIN now, free, direct from the IRS.
- Complete the application in one session. You can't save it for later.
- It expires after 15 minutes of inactivity, and you'll need to start over.
- Print your EIN confirmation letter for your records.

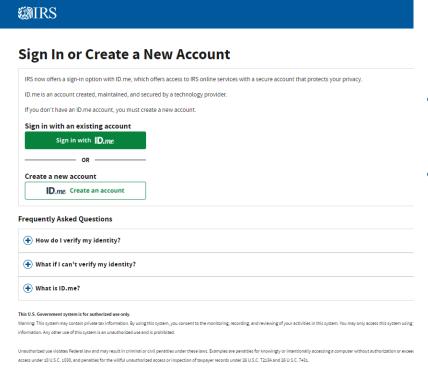


Registration

The IRS lets you access most tax tools with one account using the same login and password.

Before completing the IRIS Application for TCC, all Responsible Officials, Authorized Delegates and Contacts in the business or organization must be registered or create a new account to validate their identities.

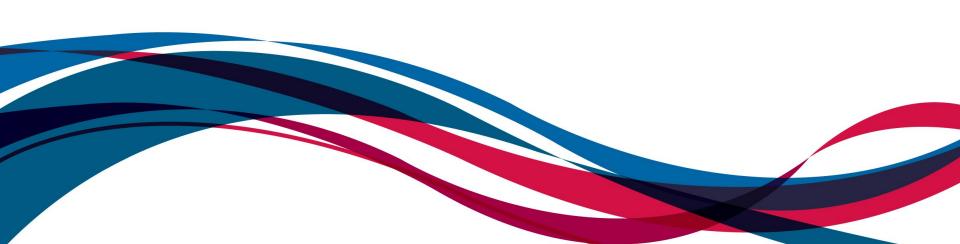
IRS uses ID.me, a credential service provider, to provide identity verification and sign-in services.



- If you are a new user, you'll have to create a new ID.me account.
- If you have an ID.me account from a state government or federal agency, you can sign in without verifying your identity again.



IRIS Application for TCC





Transmitter Control Codes

- ➤ A Transmitter Control Code (TCC) is a 5-character alphanumeric code that identifies the business transmitting the electronic information return.
 - You will need to apply for an IRIS TCC before you can electronically file through IRIS.
- TCCs are not interchangeable between intake systems.
 - FIRE TCCs can only be used in FIRE, ACA TCCs can only be used in AIR and IRIS TCCs can only be used in IRIS.
- An IRIS TCC will be assigned for each of the roles and transmission methods you select.
 - Taxpayer Portal (User Interface) Issuer/Transmitter TCC
 - > A2A Issuer/Transmitter TCC
 - A2A Software Developer TCC
- ➤ You can have multiple TCCs depending on your business needs; however, it depends upon the role you selected on your IRIS TCC application.



TCC Application

A Responsible Official (RO) must initiate the IRIS Application for TCC.

The IRIS Application for TCC is available on www.irs.gov/iristcc.

- 1. Click on the 'Access IRIS application for TCC' button.
- 2. Sign in with existing account or create a new account.
- 3. On the 'Select Your Organization page', you must select 'Individual' every time the application is accessed, until a TCC is assigned.
- 4. Each RO must review, accept, and sign the terms of agreement to submit the application.

Allow up to 45 calendar days for application processing. You may check the status of your application and view the TCC(s) on your Application Summary page once the TCC(s) are assigned

Before applying, please review the <u>tutorial</u>, which provides step-by-step instructions for applying for an IRIS TCC.

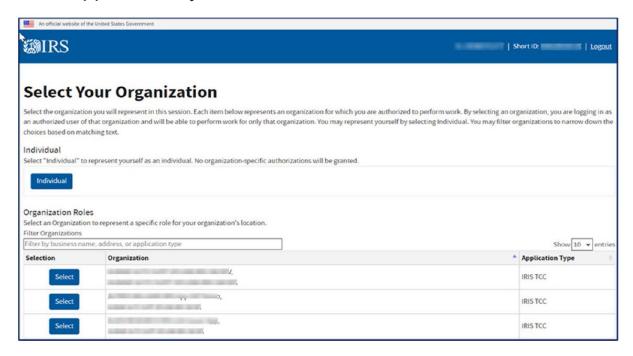


Access IRIS TCC Application

'Access IRIS Application for TCC' option on www.irs.gov/iristcc will take you to the 'Select Your Organization' page.

There are two types of firms or organizations you may choose from:

- 'Individual'
- 'Organization Roles'
- Under the 'Individual' profile, you may complete a new application or see a listing of all applications you are associated with.



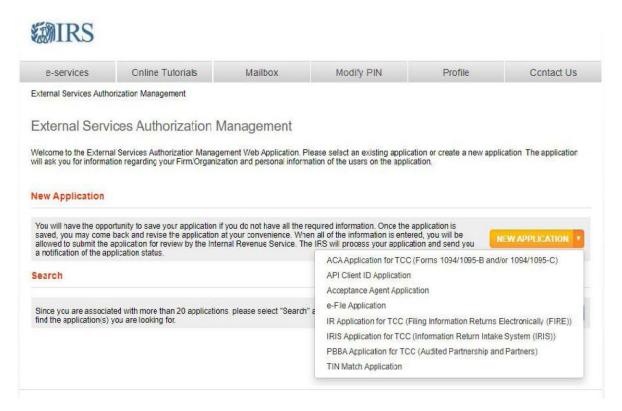
 Until the application is in 'Completed' status, ROs should select the 'Individual' option.



ESAM Landing Page

After selecting 'Individual', the system will take you to the 'External Services Authorization Management (ESAM)' landing page.

Click on the arrow next to 'New Application' and select 'IRIS Application for TCC (Information Returns Intake System (IRIS)).



 If you selected a firm/organization on the 'Select Your Organization' page, you will only see the application affiliated with that organization.



Roles

There are three IRIS Roles:

- ➤ Issuer A business filing their own information returns using the same EIN as on the TCC application. (If a Sole Proprietor wants to file information returns using their SSN, then you must select Transmitter role.)
- ➤ Transmitter A third-party sending the electronic information return data directly to the IRS on behalf of any business required to file. If you are transmitting returns for your own business, in addition to transmitting returns on behalf of another business, you do not need both the Transmitter and Issuer role. You can file all returns as a Transmitter.
- ➤ Software Developer (SWD)- A business that creates software packages that interface with the IRIS system to allow authorized users to transmit information returns directly to the IRS via Application-to-Application (A2A) transmission method.



What Role to Select

Software Purchased or Developed?	If	And	Then
Developed	I am a commercial Software Developer developing software and selling software,	I will perform the software testing with IRS and transmit my own information returns and transmit for others.	Select the roles of Software Developer and Transmitter role on your application.
Developed	I am developing my own software package, or contracted with someone to develop a unique package for my sole use,	I will perform the software testing with IRS and transmit my own information returns.	Select the roles of Software Developer and Issuer on your application.
Purchased	I am purchasing a software package,	I will transmit my own information returns.	Select the role of Issuer on your application. Note: The Issuer EIN must match the EIN on the Issuer TCC application.
Purchased	I am purchasing a software package,	I will transmit my own information returns and transmit for others.	Select the role of Transmitter on your application. Note: You may not use an Issuer TCC to transmit information returns for others.



Transmission Methods

The Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) system receives information returns from 2 intake channels: IRIS Taxpayer Portal/UI and IRIS Application to Application (A2A)

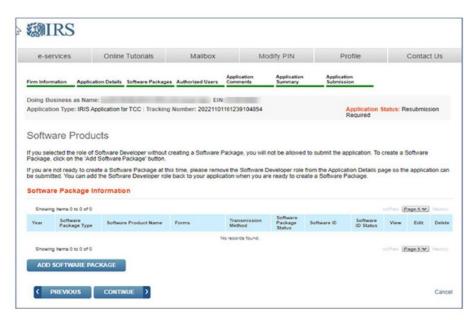
Transmission Method	Description
IRIS Taxpayer Portal/UI	 User Interface (UI) Electronic filing of information returns Manually enter data into the platform via user interface screens Simple Form Upload Issuers/transmitters can upload data files to the platform to prepopulate the user interface screens using Comma-separated Values (CSV) Corrections and Automatic Extensions Download recipient copies of information returns
IRIS A2A	 Application to Application (A2A) Electronic filing of information returns Submit transmissions directly from their application to the IRIS application XML Format Bulk filing Corrections and Automatic Extensions



Software Packages

Only complete the software packages page if you are a 'Software Developer' (SWD) who will create software applications according to IRS specifications.

To add a software package, select 'Add Software Package' located under 'Software Package Information' table.



At least one of the following software package types must be selected:

- Online Package: A software package that allows issuers to complete the forms online and a third-party will transmit the information to the IRS.
- Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS)
 Package: A software package created and sold commercially for use within the purchaser's company.
- In-house Package: A software package that is developed within a company solely for in-house use. This type of package will not be marketed or sold.



Authorized Users

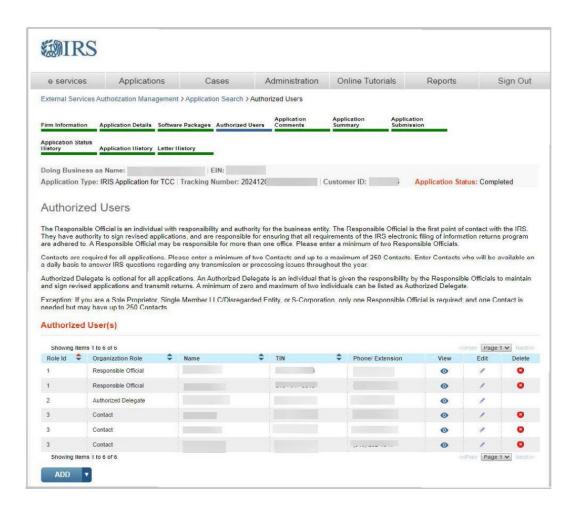
- Responsible Officials (ROs) are individuals with responsibility for and authority over the business entity.
 - ROs are the first point of contact with the IRS.
 - At least two ROs must be listed on the application unless you are a 'Sole Proprietor', 'Single Member LLC' or 'Single Member S-Corporation.
 - ➤ All ROs will be required to sign the 'Terms of Agreement'. An RO can also be a Contact on the application.
- ➤ Authorized Delegates (ADs) are optional for all applications.
 - ➤ An AD is an individual that is given the authority by the ROs to maintain and sign a revised application and transmit returns.
 - > A minimum of zero and maximum of 2 individuals can be listed as AD.
 - An AD can also be a Contact on the application but can't be an RO.
- Contacts should be available for inquiries from the IRS on a daily basis.
 - ➤ There is a minimum of 2 required contacts, unless you are a for 'Sole Proprietor', 'Single Member, LLC' or 'Single Member S-Corporation.
 - ➤ A maximum of 50 contacts allowed per application.
 - ➤ The Contact listed on the application does not have to be the individual listed as a Contact on the information return.



Authorized Users (cont.)

The individual authorized users will be listed on the 'Authorized User(s)' grid.

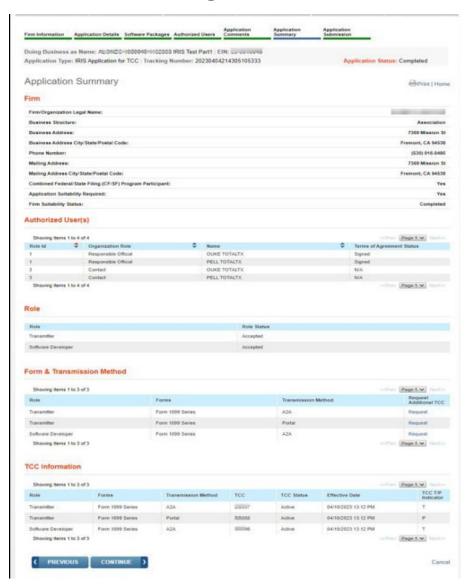
Note: If an individual is listed as an RO/AD and Contact, they will be listed twice.





Application Summary

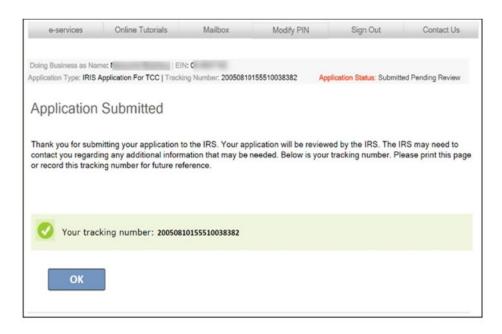
- Provides a summary of information completed on the application.
- Verify all information is correct before selecting continue to complete the 'Application Submission' page.
- If information needs to be revised, use the toolbar along the top of the page to navigate to the appropriate page.
- Once the application is in 'Completed' status, the TCCs and/or Software IDs will be visible on this page.





Application Submission

- Each RO must sign the 'Application Submission' page using their 5-digit PIN.
- ➤ The application will be processed after all ROs have entered their PIN and accepted the 'Terms of Agreement'.
- An AD cannot sign an application until the initial application goes to 'Completed' status.
- After the last RO has completed the 'Application Submission' page, 'Application Status' displayed on the upper right will be 'Submitted Pending Review.'





Application Status

Status	Description	Notes
Saved	Application has been started but not yet submitted.	Applications that have not been submitted and remain in 'Saved' status over 90 days automatically changed to 'Deleted' status.
Resubmission Required	Application has previously been completed but has been updated and must be resubmitted.	Change to Authorized User page, Application Detail page or requesting an additional TCC.
Submitted Pending Review	Application was submitted and signed (as required) and is currently undergoing eligibility/acceptance criteria checks.	
Signature Required	Application has been submitted but is still waiting for additional RO/AD signature(s).	Requires signature by either all ROs or all approved ADs (if any exist).
Completed	Application has been submitted and completed processing.	



CF/SF Filer Info

The Combined Federal/State Filing (CF/SF) Program was established to simplify information returns filing for issuers. Through the CF/SF Program, the IRS electronically sends information returns (original and corrected) to participating states.

To participate in the CF/SF Program

IRIS Application For TCC

- Firm Information Page
 - You must select the option and give consent for the IRS to disclose data to the participating states during the IRIS TCC Application process.
- Software Package Information Pop-Up
 - Select the radio button to indicate if the software will support the CF/SF program.

IRIS Assurance Testing System (IRIS ATS)

- ➤ Software packages that support the Combined Federal/State Filing (CF/SF) Program, must include the relevant schema elements.
- You must include Combined Federal/State Filing (CF/SF) information in one test scenario if you stated that your software supports the CF/SF Program.



TCC Assignment

- An IRIS TCC is assigned when the application is in 'Completed' status and Suitability Status is 'Passed'.
- ➤ Letter 6524C, IRIS-TCC Acceptance Letter is sent via U.S. Postal Service and the TCC is available on the Application Summary screen of the applicant's online application.
- Active TCC(s) will be available in real-time for use in IRIS.
- Allow up to 45 calendar days for application processing. You may check the status of your application and TCC(s) on your Application Summary page.



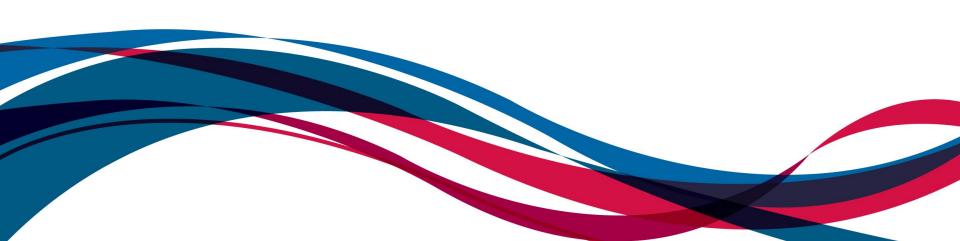
Maintaining your Application

- Once you have completed the IRIS TCC Application process and received your TCC, it is important that you keep your account up-to-date. This includes:
 - Reviewing your TCC Application periodically.
 - Ensuring proper individuals are identified on the application.
 - Update as necessary by adding any new Responsible Officials or Contacts.
 - Updating any address changes needed both business and mailing.

TIP: Log in and review during off peak times



Taxpayer Portal



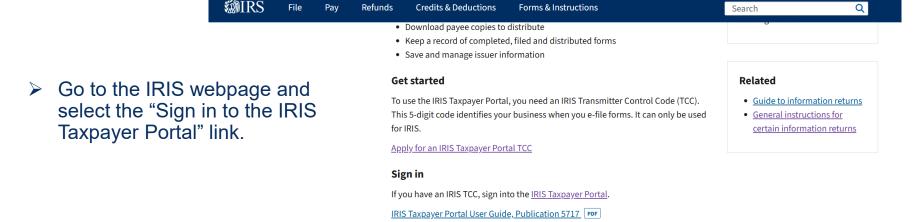


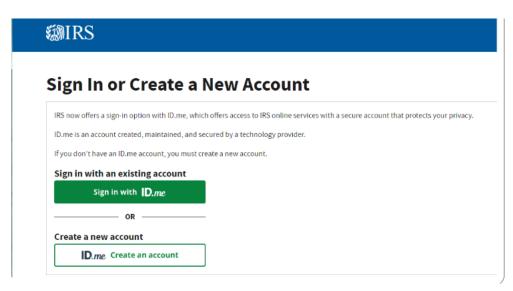
Taxpayer Portal

- ➤ The Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Taxpayer Portal is a system that provides a no cost online method for taxpayers to electronically file information returns. The Taxpayer Portal allows you to enter data to create forms by either keying in the information or uploading a Comma-separated Values (CSV) file.
- This portal allows taxpayers to:
 - ➤ Electronically prepare (create, edit, and view) and file information returns without software or service provider
 - Download and print the recipient copy of information returns for distribution to payees
 - Maintain a record of completed, filed and distributed information forms
 - Perform basic validation of data before submission
 - > File up to 100 forms per submission
 - Participate in the Combined Federal/State Filing Program (CF/SF)
 - Request automatic extensions; and
 - > File certain corrected information returns



Access Taxpayer Portal



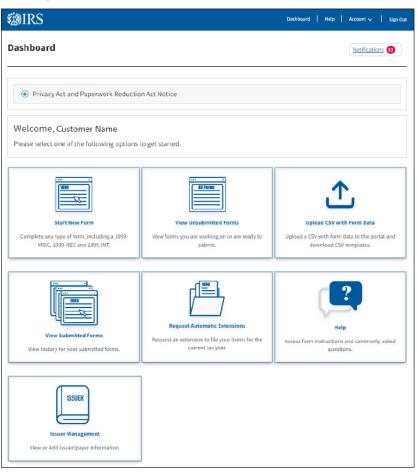


Sign in using ID.me



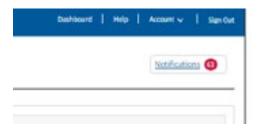
Taxpayer Portal Dashboard

The Taxpayer Portal Dashboard allows you to navigate the main functions of the portal.



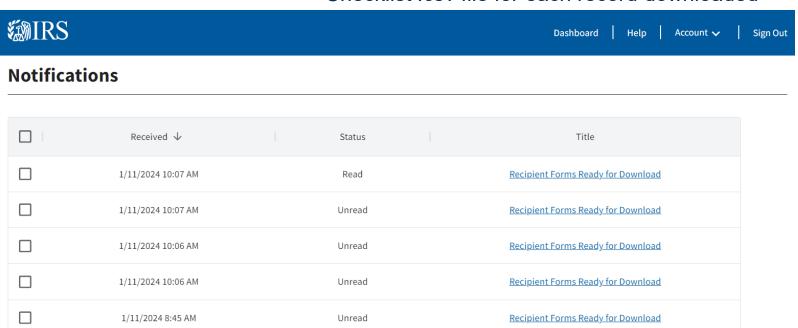
- Notifications (upper right corner): Allows you to view the notifications sent to you by the IRS and retrieve the recipient copies of the forms you've downloaded.
- Start New Form: Allows you to begin preparing a new form.
- View Unsubmitted Forms: Directs you to the Unsubmitted Forms page where you can search for, view, edit, download, and submit forms.
- Upload CSV with Form Data: Allows you to upload files containing form information in a simple file format.
- View Submitted Forms: Allows you to search for and view transmissions and download recipient copies.
- Request Automatic Extensions: Allows you to make an automatic extension request.
- Help: Allows you to access the Help page.
- Issuer Management: Frequently used issuer information can be entered and saved to use when preparing a form.





Notifications

- Allows you to view the notifications sent to you by the IRS and retrieve the recipient copies of the forms you've downloaded.
- ➤ You can meet your requirement to furnish recipient statements and instructions by printing them from the IRIS Taxpayer Portal.
 - Click on Recipient Forms Ready for Download.
 - Click on the link to download your forms.
 - ➤ A Zip file will be created with a separate PDF and Recipient Checklist .csv file for each record downloaded

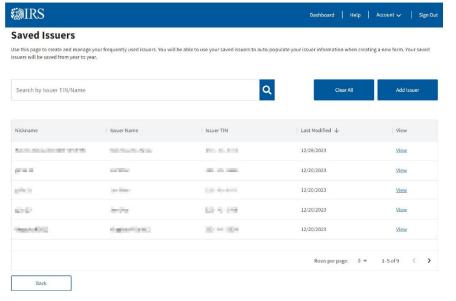






Issuer Management

- ➤ Issuer/Payer information must be added into the Issuer Management before it is available in the Saved Issuer List for use when Starting a New Form.
- Allows for 25 entries to be stored.

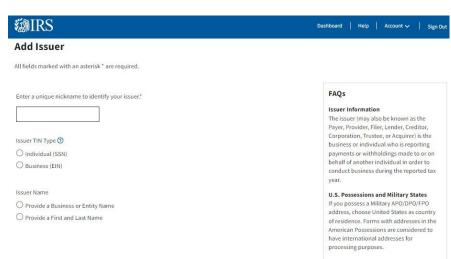


Add Issuer Page

- Allows user to add information for up to 25 issuers
- Unique nickname is required

Saved Issuers Page

- Page is displayed after selecting the Issuer Management button.
- Allows user to view a table of Saved Issuers.
- Create your CSV file using the template provided by the IRS. The CSV file can include up to 100 forms per file.

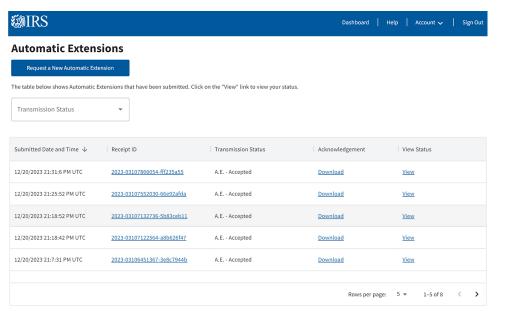




Automatic Extension



➤ After selecting the Request Automatic Extension button on the Dashboard page, you will be able to request a 30-day extension to file your forms.



Request a New Automatic Extension: Allows you to visit the Request an Automatic Extension page.

Submitted Date and Time: Shows the date and time the Automatic Extension (AE) was submitted. .

Transmission Status Drop-down: Allows you to filter the table by Transmission Status.

Receipt ID: Allows you to visit the View Submitted Forms Details page.

Transmission Status: Allows you to view the status of your automatic extension.

Acknowledgement: Allows you to download your transmission's acknowledgment.

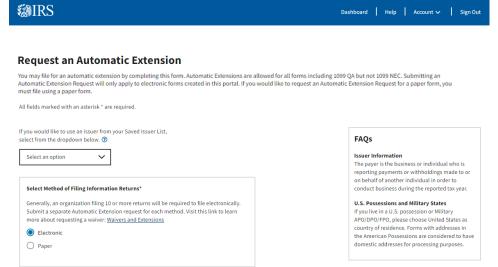
View Status: Allows you to visit the Automatic Extension Details page.



Automatic Extension (cont.)



- You will only be able to select the Request Automatic Extension button until the due date of the return for which the extension is being requested.
- After the submission, you'll receive an instant approval acknowledgment that will appear on screen if the request is complete, accurate and timely



Saved Issuer Drop-down: Select a saved issuer from the Saved Issuer Drop-down, if saved to the Saved Issuer List, to quickly populate information on this page.

Select Method of Filing Information Return:

Allows you to select if you are filing your information return electronically or by paper.

Select Form(s): Allows you to select the forms you would like to request an Automatic Extension for. If a checkbox is disabled, the due date to request an extension for that form has passed.

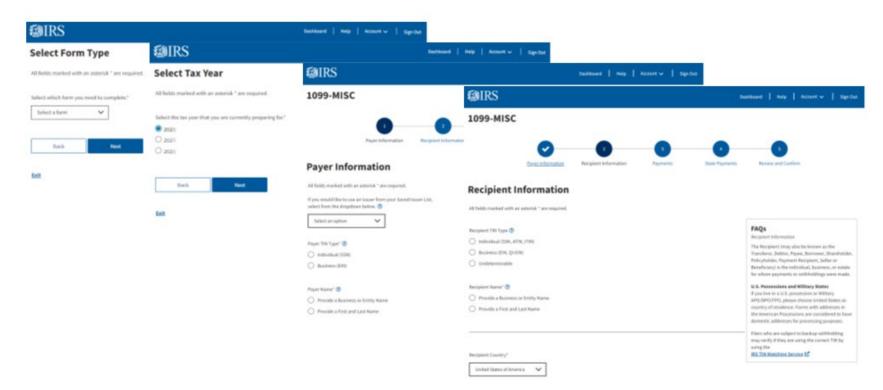
Submit Button: Allows you to visit the Automatic Extension Details page to view automatic extension approval information.



Start New Form



- Allows user to manually enter information.
- User will see tips, hints and other tools to help navigate through the screens.







Start New Form (cont.)

- The Report State Withholdings and Payments page is optional
- Once completed, select Next to review and confirm your information return.
- ➤ On the Review and Confirm page, you can view and edit the information entered in the portal. This page will also identify any errors and allow you to update. Your progress will automatically save, and the form will be ready for submission.

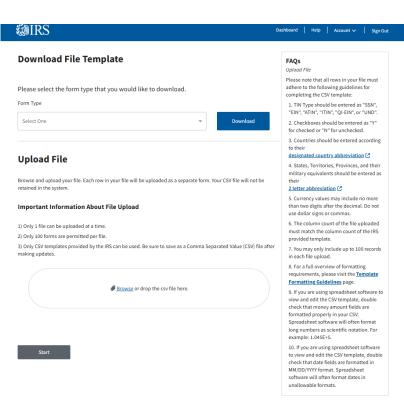




Upload CSV



- Allows user to download templates for a specific form type and upload your information return data.
- You will only be able to upload one form type at a time and the file can only contain a maximum of 100 records.



Steps to Download File Template

- Download the file template by selecting the form from the Form Type drop-down and click the Download button. This will allow you to save the template to your computer.
- Create your CSV file using the template provided by the IRS. The CSV file can include up to 100 forms per file.





Template Formatting Guidelines

Before you enter your data onto the CSV file, view the Template Formatting Guidelines page for guidance on properly formatting your CSV file.



Steps to View Formatting Guidelines

- In the FAQs box on the right side of the screen, click on Template Formatting Guidelines link.
- From the Form Type drop-down select the formatting guidelines for your specific form type.
- After your selection is made, click the Download button.
- Use the formatting guidance to complete your entries in each field.

Template Formatting Guidelines Download Example File Template Please select the form type that you would like to download. Form Type Download 1099-MISC FIELD **GUIDELINES** TIN Type Must be entered as "SSN", "EIN", "ATIN", "ITIN", "QI-EIN", or "UND" 1. Social Security Number (SSN) - an individual, including some sole proprietors 2. Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) - an individual required to have a taxpayer identification number, but who is not eligible to obtain an SSN 3. Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number (ATIN) - an adopted individual prior to the assignment of a SSN 4. Employer Identification Number (EIN) - a business, organization, some sole

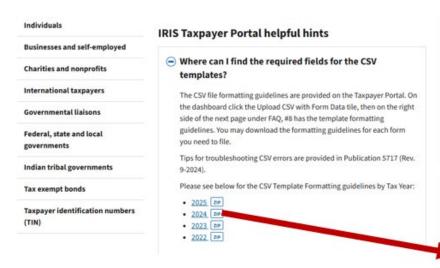


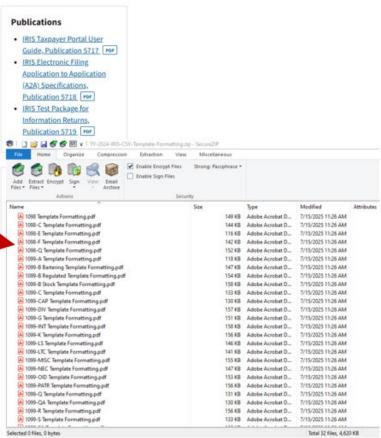
Template Formatting Guidelines (cont.)

Template Formatting Guidelines are also available at www.IRS.gov/IRIS

Home / File / E-file information returns with IRIS

E-file information returns with IRIS







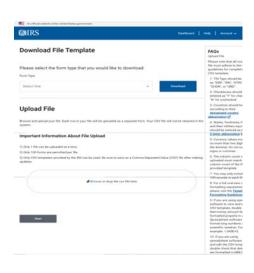
Sample of a Template Guide

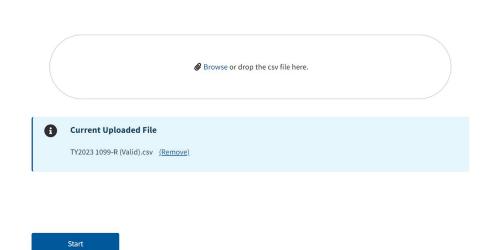
Column	Field (*required field)	Example	Formatting Guidelines
		Values	
Α	Form Type	1099-MISC	
В	Tax Year	2022	
С	Payer TIN Type*	SSN	· Must be entered as "SSN" and "EIN"
D	Payer Taxpayer ID	123-23-1234	· Digits and dashes only
	Number*		· Business TINs (EIN) must be in XX-XXXXXXX format
			· Individual TINs (SSN) must be in XXX-XX-XXXX format
E	Payer Name Type*	Business or	· Must be entered as "B" for Business Name or "I" for Individual
		Entity Name	
F	Payer Business or Entity	John Finch	· Required if Name Type = "B"
	Name Line 1	Company	· Length: Max 40 characters
			· May only contain alphabet letters, numbers, blank space (), and the
			following special characters: hyphen (-), pound (#), parentheses (),
			ampersand (&), and apost phe (')
			· May not contain leading, trailing, and adjacent spaces
G	Payer Business or Entity		· Length: Max 40 characters
	Name Line 2		· May only contain alphabet letters, numbers, blank space (), and the
			following special characters: hyphen (-), pound (#), parentheses (),
			ampersand (&), apostrophe ('), slash (/), and percent (%)
			· May not contain leading, trailing, and adjacent spaces
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Upload Completed CSV File

- Once your file is complete, save it, and then upload it by selecting Browse or Drag and Drop the CSV File Here on the Upload CSV with Form page.
- If you see an error message after you upload your file, return to your saved CSV file and correct your entries.
- > Select the Start button, which will direct you to the Review Form Information page.

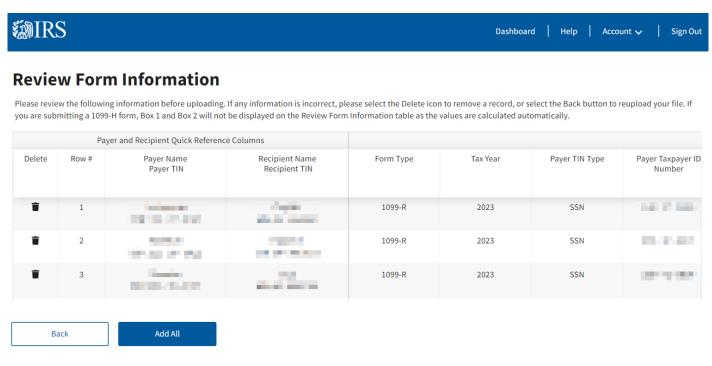






Review Form Information

- On this page, you'll have the option to review your information return data before continuing.
- You will also be able to delete specific rows that you do not want included in the upload.



Select Add All to upload your forms from the Review Information Page to the Unsubmitted Forms Page.



Upload Successful Page

➤ The Upload Successful Page will display the number of forms added to the Unsubmitted Forms page that are ready to submit and the number of forms that need additional information.

Sign Out



Upload Successful

Your file was successfuly uploaded on 10/20/2022.

10 forms have been added to the Unsubmitted Forms Page.

- 8 forms have been marked as In Progress because they did not contain all of the required fields.
- 2 forms have been marked as Ready to Submit.

Please note that your forms have not been submitted. Please visit the <u>Unsubmitted Forms Page</u> to modify, download, and submit your forms.

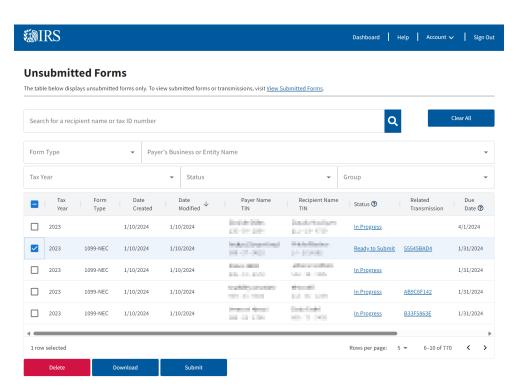
Dashboard

Your forms have not been filed with IRS, you must go to the Unsubmitted Forms page and submit your forms to the IRS.



Unsubmitted Forms

The Unsubmitted Forms page allows you to search, view, edit, download and submit already created information returns to the IRS.



View Submitted Forms: Allows you to visit the View Submitted Forms page to view a table of your submitted transmissions.

In Progress Status: Allows you to return to the Payer Information page for the form selected to continue editing your form.

Ready to Submit Status: Allows you to return to the Review and Confirm Page for the form selected to review your input and edit.

Group Column Drop-down List: Allows you view the associated group for your unsubmitted forms. Forms submitted by simple file upload will automatically be associated with the same group.

Delete Button: Allows you to delete one or more forms from the unsubmitted forms table.

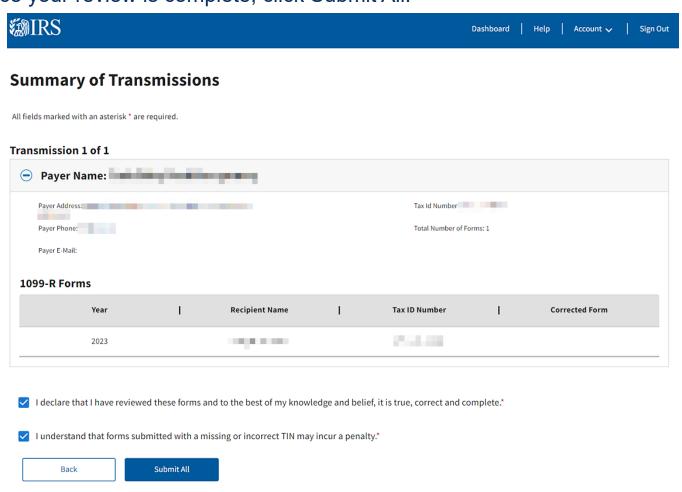
Download Button: Allows you to download one or more forms.

Submit Button: Allows you to submit one or more forms.



Summary of Transmissions

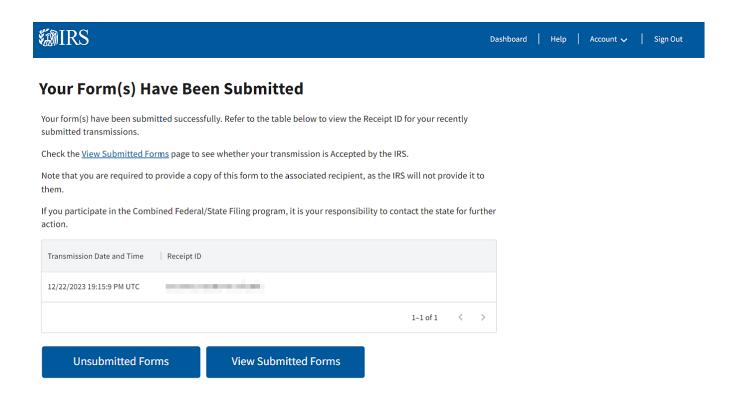
- Once the submit button is selected, transmission(s) will be organized on the Summary of Transmissions Page.
- You can view a list of forms that have been selected for submission.
- Once your review is complete, click Submit All.





Submitted Forms

- After submitting your forms, you will be redirected to the Your Form(s) Have Been Submitted page.
- This page will serve as a confirmation of the transmission and provide you with a receipt ID.





Common CSV Errors

Common Errors when completing a CSV file:

- Template was not downloaded from the Taxpayer Portal
 - ➤ It was self-generated
 - > It came from another outside source
- Not using the most recent template
- Not following the form specific formatting guidelines
- File can only contain 1 tax year and 1 form type
- Fields are not formatted properly in the CSV
 - Long numbers formatted as scientific
 - > Dates formatted in unallowable formats
 - Leading zeros not accepted, cell should be formatted as "text"
 - There can only be 1 line of text within the cell
- Using Excel for editing the CSV may reformat the fields and change the values
 - Edit using a text editor (notepad and notepad++) to avoid any formatting requirements that excel has

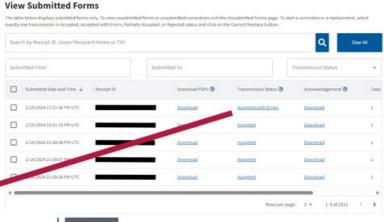


How to Review Errors

The Submitted Forms page allows you to view a table of transmissions you submitted.

Transmission Status: This selection allows you to visit the View Acknowledgment page, which will display the transmission statuses: Accepted, Accepted with Errors, Partially Accepted and Rejected.





View Acknowledgment page will be displayed and provide a list of the errors and the record associated with those errors.



Corrections

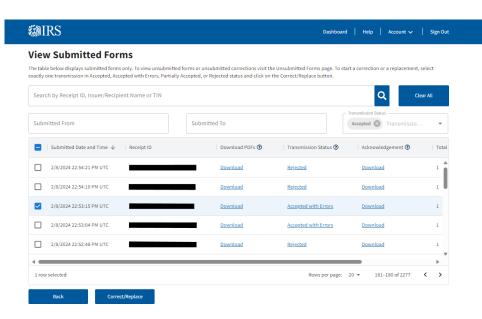
You can make a correction for the following issues (this list is not all-inclusive):

Issue	Action Needed
Incorrect money amounts	Correct money amounts
Incorrect payment types	Correct payment types
Incorrect distribution code	Correct distribution code
No recipient TIN	Add recipient TIN
Incorrect recipient TIN	Correct recipient TIN
Missing recipient account number	Add recipient account number
Filed a return when one should not have been filed	Zero out all money amounts
Incorrect check box	Select or deselect the appropriate check box
Filed using wrong form type	Zero out all money amounts in your correction and then submit an original submission using the appropriate form type

- > The IRS cannot delete files on behalf of the Transmitter/Issuer.
- ➤ If you submitted duplicate files or submitted a return and should not have, you will need to do a correction to "zero out" all money amounts.



Taxpayer Portal Corrections (cont.)



- Corrections can only be made for transmissions with a status of "Accepted" or "Accepted with Errors".
- Select the box next to the transmission you want to correct.
- After making your selection, click the Correct/Replace button.

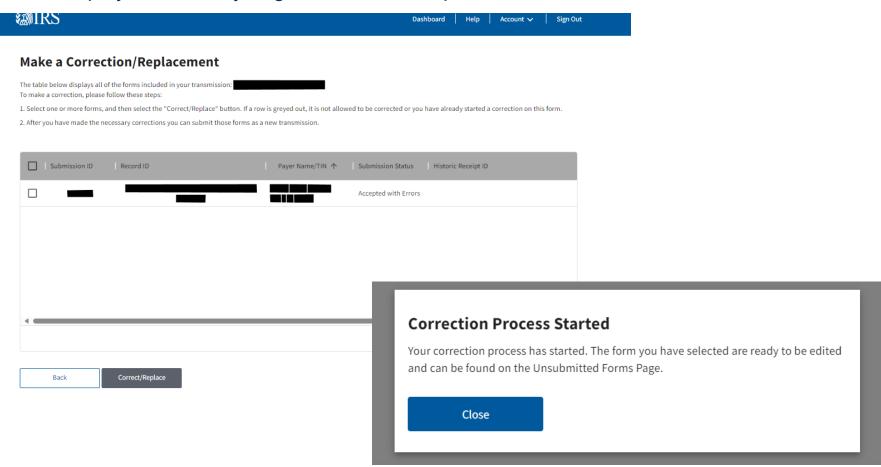
There are two reasons a box next to a record you want to correct may be grayed out:

- 1. The record has already been successfully corrected.
 - On the Submitted Forms page, the status of the corrected return would be Accepted or Accepted with Errors.
- 2. The correction process was already started.
 - ➤ The corrected return status would be In Progress on the Unsubmitted Forms page.



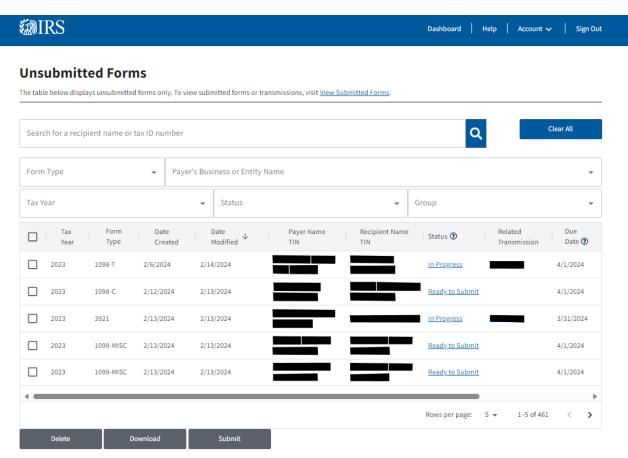
Taxpayer Portal Corrections (cont.)

After selecting the Correct/Replace button, the Make a Correction page will be displayed. You may begin the correction process on one or more forms.





Taxpayer Portal Corrections (cont.)

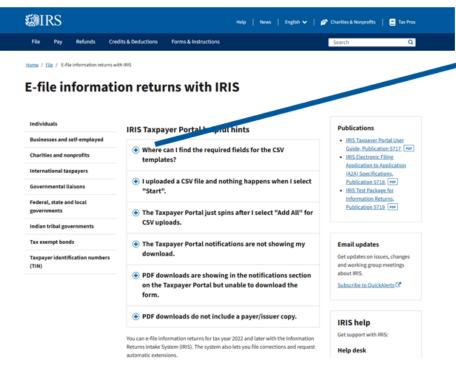


If you've incorrectly selected a form for correction, you'll be able to delete the form from the View Unsubmitted Forms page.



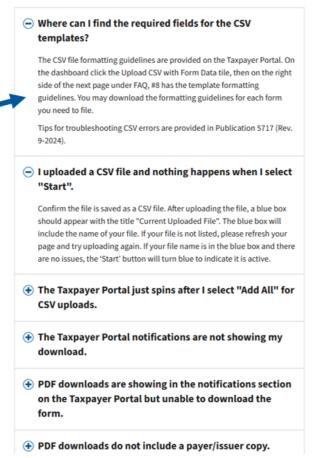
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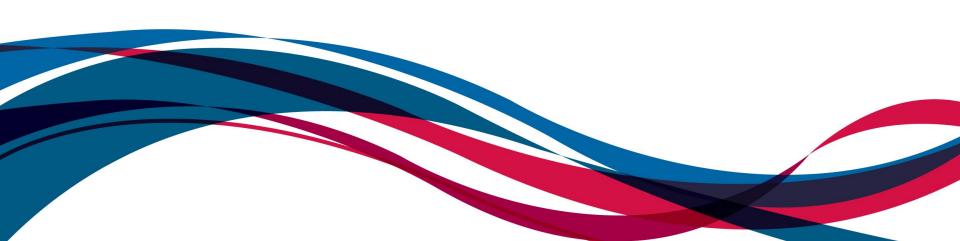
Portal hints are located at the top of the IRIS landing page

IRIS Taxpayer Portal helpful hints





Application to Application (A2A)





Application to Application

- ➤ The IRIS A2A Channel uses the Application Program Interface (API) Client ID to authenticate and authorize access to IRIS A2A services.
- ➤ IRIS A2A uses Extensible Markup Language (XML) format to bulk file large volumes of information returns.
- Software Developers will use the form instructions, schema and business rules, to create the XML files for the forms they will support.
 - Form instructions provide guidance for required data.
 - Business Rules and Schemas enforce the filing requirements identified in the form instructions.
- ➤ IRIS A2A Assurance Testing System (ATS) is required prior to transmitting into the IRIS A2A Production environment.
- ➤ A Software Development Kit (SDK) Toolkit is being developed for IRIS.



Transmitting via A2A

To submit information returns using A2A use the following:

- Live Endpoint: Production environment
 - https://api.www4.irs.gov/IRIntakeAcceptanceA2A/1.0/irisa2a/v1/intake-acceptance
- > Test Endpoint: ATS environment
 - https://api.alt.www4.irs.gov/IRIntakeAcceptanceA2A/1.0/irisa2a/v1/intake-acceptance

Caution:

Copy/paste of the URL may remove the "-" (hyphen) at the end of the address.



API Client ID

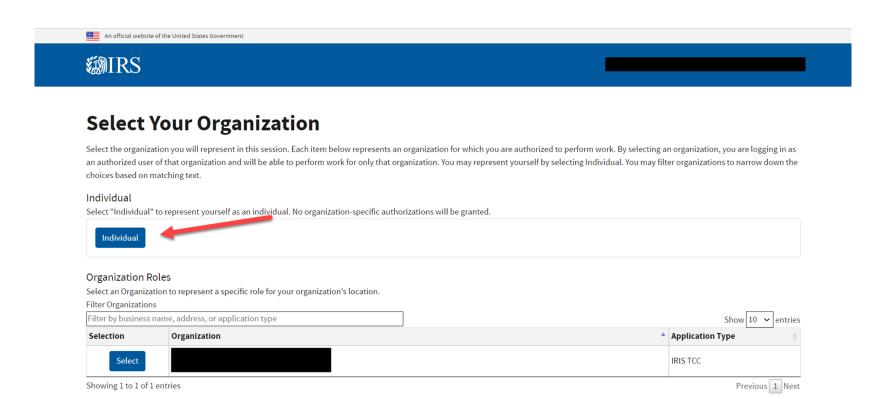
- ➤ The IRIS A2A Channel uses the API Client ID to authenticate and authorize access to IRIS A2A services.
- You can use your existing Client ID, if you already have one*.
 - Go to the 'Application Details' page on your existing API Client ID Application.
 - > Select the edit icon.
 - Check the 'IRIS' box under 'Select APIs'.
 - Resubmit your application.
- Anyone submitting through IRIS A2A must have an API Client ID.
 - Software Developers
 - > Transmitters
 - Issuers

*Exception: You must create a new Client ID if your existing Client ID Application is only for Income Verification Express Services (IVES) Forms Based Processing (FBP).



API Client ID Application

- Access your e-Services application page.
- Select Organization page: Choose individual.

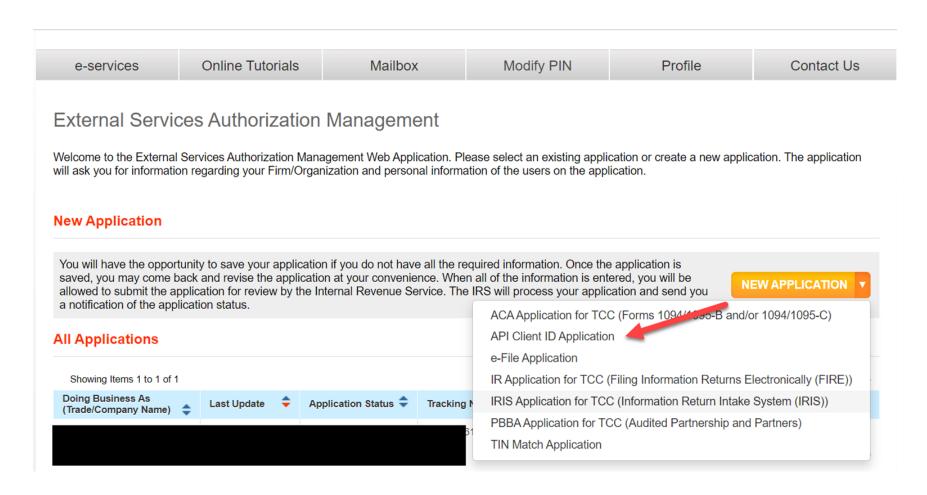






New Application

Choose 'New Application' drop down and select 'API Client ID Application'.





Firm Information

What Tax ID does this firm operate under* ⊚ EIN ○ SSN			
Employer Identification Number (EIN)*			
What legal name does this firm operate under* in Firm/Organization Name Person Name Firm/Organization Legal Name* Doing Business As (Trade/Company Name)		Business Address (Physical Location) Country* United States	
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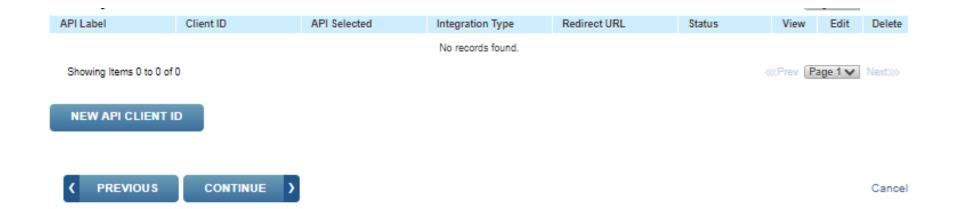
PREVIOUS

SAVE

CONTINUE



Application Details



Select the "NEW API CLIENT ID" button.



SAVE

Add API Client Info

The following fields are required in your JWK: kid, kty, use, n, e, x5t, x5c. The "kty" field should be equal to "RSA".
Select the "Save" button to store the entered application details.
Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*) and must be completed to submit the form.
API Label:*
Select API: SOR TDS TINM FBP IRIS 2
API Status:* Active 3
Select Provider Type: 4
JSON Web Key (JWK):*
5

Cancel



API Client Info

1	API Label	Self defined
2	Select API	Check "IRIS"
3	API Status	Active
4	Provider Type	IRIS can only be "A2A"
5	Json Web Key (JWK)	JWK attributes can only include the following in this order: • "kty": Key Type (must be RSA) • "kid": Key ID • "use": "sig" Public Key Use • "n": the modulus • "e": "AQAB" the public exponent • "x5c": X. 509 Certificate Chain • "x5t": X.509 Certificate SHA-1 Thumbprint Remove any other attribute names added by your JWK tool that are not in this list.

Should contain X.509 certificate using both "x5t" (X.509 SHA-1 Thumbprint) and "x5c" (X.509 certificate Chain) parameters.

- You are not allowed to use self-signed certificates.
- You can use the same public certificate as used for other IRS programs such as MeF or AIR.



A2A Consent

After you obtain your API client ID, you must complete the A2A Consent process outlined in Publication 5718, Section 3.1.2 A2A Consent.

- Login to IRS Consent App: https://la.www4.irs.gov/esrv/consent/
- From the Select Your Organization page, select the organization associated with your IRIS TCC Application.
- Select A2A Setup on the API Authorization Management page



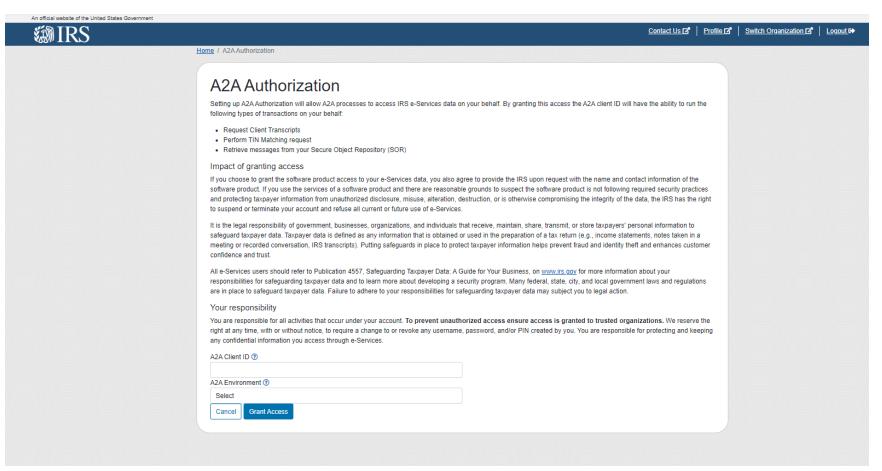
- Enter your IRIS A2A Client ID on the A2A Authorization page.
 - Note: If you have multiple Client IDs, please use the Client ID that was assigned to you for IRIS. You can sign into your API Client ID Application to retrieve your IRIS Client ID on the Application Summary page.
- Grant access to TEST, which is needed to test software and electronic transmissions in the IRIS ATS environment.
- Grant access to PROD, which is needed to transmit live return data in the production environment.



- Retrieve your Full IRIS UserID from the A2A Setup Complete page.
 - Your Full IRIS UserID must be used to generate access tokens.



A2A Authorization Page



A2A Client ID

Enter your IRIS A2A Client ID

A2A Environment:

- TEST: IRIS ATS environment.
- PROD: IRIS Production environment.



Access Token Generation

Transmitters will use JSON WEB TOKENS (JWTs) for both Client Authentication and Authorization Grants to request an access token and refresh token.

- Two JWTs must be provided and will be exchanged for access tokens.
 - Client JWT Represents the client and will be used to authenticate the client.
 - User JWT Represents the resource owner/user that the client is requesting an access token for.

The JWTs must be signed and in JWT token format using the following:

Header

- ➤ kid (key identifier) Identifies the key the client used to sign the JWT.
 - > The kid should match the kid that was provided in the JWK file on your API Client ID Application.
- ➤ alg (algorithm) Identifies the algorithm used to sign the JWT.
 - RS256 is the supported/expected algorithm.

Payload

- ➤ iss (issuer) Identifies who issues the token. Must include the Client ID obtained at registration.
- > sub (subject) Subject of the token. Must include:
 - > The Client ID for Client JWT token type
 - ➤ The User ID for User JWT token type
- > aud (audience) the IRS authorization server. The token endpoint of the auth server
- ➤ lat (issued at time) Optional. Issued at time. Numeric value of the time the token was created
- > exp (expiration time) Numeric value of the time when the token expires. It must be valid for 15 minutes
- → jti (JWT ID) Required. Provides unique identifier for the JWT. It prevents the JWT from being replayed. This is required by the IRS API Gateway.

The JWT Grant type request will have the following parameters:

- grant_type required, value should be "jwt-bearer"
- > Assertion required, JWT value
- ➤ Client assertion type required, value should also be "jwt-bearer"
- Client assertion required, JWT value



Locating Your IRIS UserID

After you obtain your API client ID, you must complete the A2A Consent process outlined in Publication 5718, Section 3.1.2 *A2A Consent*.

- Login to IRS Consent App (Refer to publication for URL).
- 2. Select Setup on the API Authorization Management page.
- 3. From the *Select Your Organization* page, select the organization associated with your IRIS TCC Application.
- 4. Enter your IRIS API Client ID on the A2A Authorization page.
 - Note: If you have multiple Client IDs, please use the Client ID that was assigned to you for IRIS. You can sign into your API Client ID Application to retrieve your IRIS Client ID on the *Application Summary* page.
- 5. Grant access to *TEST*, which is needed to test software and electronic transmissions in the IRIS ATS environment.
- 6. Grant access to PROD, which is needed to transmit live return data in the production environment.
- 7. Retrieve your *Full IRIS UserID* from the A2A Setup Complete page.
 - Your Full IRIS UserID must be used to generate access tokens.



Schema Package

- The Schema and Business Rules package will be made available in the Secure Object Repository (SOR).
- You must have an active e-Services account to access the <u>SOR</u> mailbox. If you do not have an account, you will need to set one up.
- Software Developers and State organizations may download IRIS schemas and business rules from their SOR mailbox. To access these files, you must have:
 - An active e-Services account
 - An IRIS TCC application with the status "Completed"
 - An IRIS TCC status of "Active"
 - An IRIS role of "Software Developer" or business structure of "State Government Agency", "Local Government Agency", or "Federal Government Agency"
- ➤ Please visit the <u>IRIS Schemas and Business Rules</u> page on IRS.gov for more information about IRIS Schemas and Business Rules.



IRIS ATS

- ➤ IRIS Assurance Testing System (ATS) refers to the process used to test software and electronic transmissions prior to accepting forms into the IRIS A2A Production System.
- Software Developers must pass IRIS ATS for the form series and tax year that the software package(s) will support.
- Transmitters must pass a communication test for the form series they will file.



Passing ATS

- Each submission must have a status of "Accepted" to pass ATS successfully.
- Contact the Help Desk for a final review when all submissions have an "Accepted" status.
- When contacting the Help Desk have the following:
 - Receipt Id(s) to be reviewed
 - > TCC
 - Software Id
 - Contact information including email address
- ➤ The Help Desk will assign an incident number which should be referenced for all your ATS review communications.
- Once the Software Developer passes IRIS ATS, the Software Package Status and Software ID Status will move from "Test" to "Production".
- > IRS will not send a notification.
 - To verify the status change, review your IRIS Application for TCC online.



Software Developer ATS

- Use the IRIS Transmitter Control Code (TCC) assigned to Software Developer role.
- Software Developers (SWD) will create files using their own test data.
 - Five submissions must be completed.
 - > Each submission must include two unique recipients for a total of ten records.
 - ➢ If participating in CF/SF program at least one record should include this information.
 - ➤ If supporting corrections, a second transmission with one submission and one record is needed.
 - Use the 'UniqueRecordId' from one of the accepted submissions to submit a correction.
- > Each submission must have a status of "Accepted" to pass ATS successfully
 - After confirming the "Accepted" status, the help desk will move from Test to Production status.
- Software Developers, who also have a Transmitter role, do not need to submit a communication test.



Transmitter ATS

- ➤ Use the IRIS Transmitter Control Code (TCC) assigned to the Transmitter role.
- > Transmitters will create a submission using their own test data.
 - One submission with two records must be completed.
- The submission must have a status of "Accepted" to pass ATS successfully
 - ➤ After confirming the "Accepted" status, the help desk will move from Test to Production status.



XML Schema Validation Errors

The following are examples of XML schema validation errors:.

- ➤ Example 1: Elements are not in sequential order. E.g., BusinessName before BusinessNameControlTxt
- Example 2: Element added to schema group
- Example 3: Included tags for optional elements that are empty

Please see Publication 5718 section 3.2 for XML Overview for IRIS to program transmissions correctly.



Status Definitions

Status Definitions for Submitted Forms

Status	Definition	Action Needed
Processing	IRS has not completed processing the transmission	Allow 7 days for processing
Accepted	IRS has completed processing and found no errors	No action required
Accepted with Errors	IRS has completed processing and found error(s)	Records accepted with errors are considered accepted by the IRS. However, every effort should be made to provide a correct information return by filing corrections for these errors.
Partially Accepted	IRS has completed processing and rejected at least 1 submission	Any submission that was rejected must be replaced.
Rejected	All submissions were rejected	Resolve issues and replace entire submission

Status Definitions for Unsubmitted Forms (Taxpayer Portal Only)

Status	Definition	Action Needed
In Progress	All required fields have not been completed	Edit, delete or complete the form
Ready to Submit	All required fields have been completed. Forms have not been submitted to IRS	Review data; edit, if needed; and submit to IRS



Resources

Publication 5717 - Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Taxpayer Portal User Guide Publication 5718 - Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) **Publications** Electronic Filing Application to Application (A2A) Specifications Publication 5719 - Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Test Package for Information Returns www.irs.gov/inforeturn - a website that provides an overview of the three different intake channels (FIRE, AIR and IRIS) **Websites** www.irs.gov/iris - a website that provides general information about **IRIS** www.irs.gov/irisats and www.irs.gov/irisschema - websites that provide information about Assurance Testing System (ATS) for the Application to Application (A2A) filer for IRIS



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E-file information returns with IRIS

Credits & Deductions

You can e-file information returns for tax year 2022 a **Individuals** Returns Intake System (IRIS). The system also lets yo automatic extensions. **Businesses and self-employed** 10 or more returns: E-filing is required. Charities and nonprofits For system availability, check IRIS status International taxpayers Get solutions to known issues. There are 2 ways to e-file with IRIS: Governmental liaisons E-file through the IRIS Taxpayer Portal Federal, state and local governments This free, web-based filing system lets you: E-file up to 100 returns at a time Indian tribal governments . Enter manually or by .csv upload · Download payee copies to distribute Tax exempt bonds

IRIS Assurance Testing System (ATS) Shutdown/Cutover for Tax Year 2024/Filing Season 2025
In preparation for Tax Year 2024/Filing Season 2025, the IRIS Application-To-Application (A2A)

Assurance Testing System (ATS) environment Shutdown/Cutover for all transmissions will take place Sunday, October 27, 2024, beginning at 1:00 a.m. Eastern time until Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern time.

Please do not attempt to access the IRIS ATS environment during this time.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Taxpayer Portal: Operational

Application-To-Application (A2A): Operational

IRIS Assurance Testing System (ATS): Not Operational

For more information, see E-file Forms 1099 With IRIS.

IRIS Operational Status

Get started

To use the IRIS Taxpayer Portal, you need an IRIS Transmitter Control Code (TCC). This 5-digit code identifies your business when you e-file forms. It can only be used for IRIS.

· Keep a record of completed, filed and distributed forms

· Save and manage issuer information

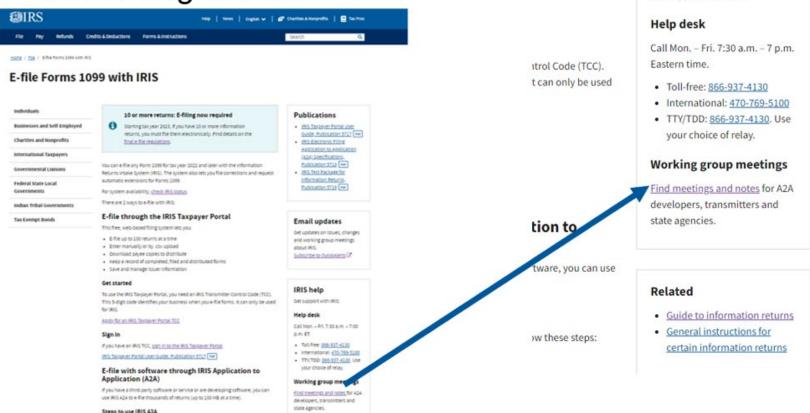


IRIS Working Group

IRIS help

Get support with IRIS:

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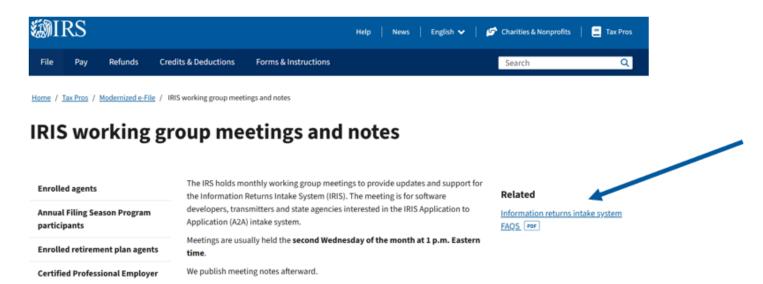


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IRIS FAQS

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Information returns intake system FAQS PDF

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